

BEFORE THE IDAHO PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION )  
OF IDAHO POWER COMPANY FOR )  
AUTHORITY TO INCREASE ITS RATES ) CASE NO. IPC-E-03-13  
AND CHARGES FOR ELECTRIC SERVICE )  
TO ELECTRIC CUSTOMERS IN THE STATE )  
OF IDAHO )  
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IDAHO POWER COMPANY

DIRECT TESTIMONY

OF

PHIL A. OBENCHAIN

1 Q. Please state your name and business address.

2 A. My name is Phil A. Obenchain, and my  
3 business address is 1221 West Idaho Street, Boise, Idaho.

4 Q. By whom are you employed and in what  
5 capacity?

6 A. I am employed by Idaho Power Company as a  
7 Senior Pricing Analyst in the Pricing and Regulatory  
8 Services Department.

9 Q. Please describe your educational background  
10 and professional experience.

11 A. In May of 1979, I received a Bachelor of  
12 Arts Degree in Economics from Boise State University in  
13 Boise, Idaho.

14 In August of 1979, I was employed as an  
15 Economic Research Assistant with Idaho First National Bank  
16 (presently U. S. Bank).

17 In August of 1981, I left Idaho First to  
18 attend the University of Idaho in Moscow, Idaho to pursue a  
19 Masters of Science Degree in Economics, with emphasis in  
20 Regulatory Economics. I completed the necessary course  
21 work in the spring of 1982.

22 In January of 1983, I accepted the position

1 of Pricing Analyst with Idaho Power Company. My duties as  
2 Pricing Analyst include the preparation of cost-of-service  
3 information for use in the development of jurisdictional  
4 separation studies and class cost-of-service studies. More  
5 specifically, I am responsible for gathering and analyzing  
6 data from various sources to carry out cost-of-service  
7 related analyses as required by the three jurisdictions  
8 regulating Idaho Power Company.

9 I was the Company's revenue requirement  
10 witness before this Commission in Case No. IPC-E-94-5 and  
11 testified on the earnings test results as part of Case No.  
12 IPC-E-97-12. In addition, I have sponsored testimony  
13 before the Oregon Public Utility Commission in Case UE 92  
14 on the Oregon jurisdictional revenue requirement.

15 Q. What is the scope of your testimony in this  
16 proceeding?

17 A. I am sponsoring testimony in this proceeding  
18 on the Idaho jurisdictional revenue requirement resulting  
19 from the Jurisdictional Separation Study (JSS).

20 My testimony is outlined as follows:

21 First, I am offering testimony summarizing  
22 the adjustments to total system test year data used by the

1 Company for purposes of restating the Company's rate base,  
2 revenues, and expenses for the 12 months ending December  
3 31, 2003.

4 Second, I am offering testimony relative to  
5 the preparation of a jurisdictional separation study  
6 prepared using the adjusted total system data for the 12  
7 months ending December 31, 2003 for the purpose of  
8 determining the Idaho jurisdictional revenue deficiency.

9 Q. Have you prepared or supervised the  
10 preparation of various exhibits for this proceeding?

11 A. Yes. I have prepared or supervised the  
12 preparation of the following exhibits:

13	<u>EXHIBIT</u>	<u>TITLE</u>
14	Exhibit No. 21	Summary of Total Rate Base and Net Income
15		Adjustments
16	Exhibit No. 22	Summary of Adjustments - Electric Plant In
17		Service
18	Exhibit No. 23	Summary of Adjustments - Accumulated
19		Provision for Depreciation and
20		Amortization
21	Exhibit No. 24	Summary of Adjustments - Additions and
22		Deductions to Rate Base

1 Exhibit No. 25 Summary of Adjustments - Operating  
2 Revenues  
3 Exhibit No. 26 Summary of Adjustments - Operation and  
4 Maintenance Expenses  
5 Exhibit No. 27 Summary of Adjustments - Depreciation and  
6 Amortization Expense  
7 Exhibit No. 28 Summary of Adjustments - Taxes Other Than  
8 Income Taxes  
9 Exhibit No. 29 Summary of Adjustments - Income Taxes  
10 Exhibit No. 30 Jurisdictional Separation Study - Idaho  
11 Revenue Requirement  
12 Exhibit No. 31 Development of Jurisdictional Allocation  
13 Factors  
14 Q. Please describe Exhibit No. 21.  
15 A. Exhibit No. 21 consists of two pages and  
16 identifies the development of the adjusted total electric  
17 system rate base and the development of net income for the  
18 12 months ending December 31, 2003. The 2003 test year  
19 values contained in column 1 of Exhibit No. 21 are the  
20 unadjusted test year amounts. The adjustments proposed by  
21 the Company for purposes of developing the 2003 adjusted  
22 total electric system combined rate base and net income for

1 this proceeding are shown in columns 2 through 5 of Exhibit  
2 No. 21. The unadjusted test year information and  
3 adjustments, except as otherwise noted, were provided to me  
4 by Ms. Smith. The total system adjusted test year rate  
5 base, expenses and revenues are summarized in column 6 of  
6 Exhibit No. 21.

7                   Page 1 of Exhibit No. 21 summarizes the  
8 development of rate base components for the 12 months  
9 ending December 31, 2003. The total combined rate base  
10 prior to adjustments is \$1,752,511,220 as seen on line 24  
11 in column 1 on page 1 of Exhibit No. 21. The total  
12 combined rate base is reduced to \$1,673,283,777, after all  
13 test year adjustments have been included, and can be seen  
14 on line 24 in column 6 on page 1 of Exhibit No. 21.

15                   Page 2 of Exhibit No. 21 presents the  
16 development of the total system net income for the 12  
17 months ending December 31, 2003. Operating revenues are  
18 summarized on line 31 in columns 1 through 6. Total  
19 operating expenses are summarized on line 42 in columns 1  
20 through 6. The resulting net income is summarized on line  
21 46 in columns 1 through 6. Net income increases from the  
22 test year level of \$65,895,300 to \$81,433,150 after all

1 ratemaking adjustments have been included.

2 Q. Please describe the total test year 2003  
3 rate base, expenses and revenues found in column 1 of  
4 Exhibit No. 21.

5 A. Total test year amounts, before adjustment,  
6 are presented in column 1 of Exhibit No. 21. With the  
7 exception of test year firm operating revenues and test  
8 year power supply expenses, the amounts in column 1 were  
9 provided to me by Ms. Smith. Firm operating revenues, line  
10 29, are calculated utilizing (1) 2003 normalized test year  
11 sales provided by the Company's Power Supply Planning  
12 department, and (2) the current base rates. The test year  
13 values for the Company's power supply accounts (Surplus  
14 Sales Revenues - Account 447, Fuel - Accounts 501 and 547,  
15 Market Purchases - Account 555.1 and Purchases from  
16 Qualifying Facilities - Account 555.2) are the account  
17 balances from the most recent PCA filing provided to me by  
18 Mr. Said. A summary of these accounts is presented by FERC  
19 Account on lines 48 through 55 on page 2, of Exhibit No.  
20 21.

21 Q. Why have the 2003 test period rate base,  
22 revenues, and expenses of the Company been adjusted?

1           A.       Test year information is adjusted to reflect  
2 known changes to the test year data for determining the  
3 Company's rates. In this way, rates will reflect the most  
4 current cost information available at the time those rates  
5 become effective.

6           Q.       Please explain what types of ratemaking  
7 adjustments are made for the development of the Idaho  
8 jurisdictional revenue requirement?

9           A.       Ratemaking adjustments are generally one of  
10 three types. First, normalizing adjustments are made to  
11 those items that are influenced by weather. Mr. Said  
12 discusses the normalization of the Company's Net Power  
13 Supply Expenses in his testimony in this proceeding.  
14 Normalizing adjustments are shown in column 2 of Exhibit  
15 No. 21.

16                   Second, annualizing adjustments are made to  
17 reflect changes that occur within the test year, but need  
18 to be incorporated for the full year on an ongoing basis.  
19 Annualizing adjustments are shown in column 3 of Exhibit  
20 No. 21.

21                   Third, known and measurable adjustments  
22 proposed in this filing reflect changes that will occur



1 after December 31, 2003, but prior to or coincident with  
2 the effective date of the new rates. Known and measurable  
3 adjustments are shown in column 4, Exhibit No. 21.

4 Q. Please discuss the annualizing adjustments  
5 to the rate base components summarized in column 3 of page  
6 1 of Exhibit No. 21.

7 A. The first annualizing adjustment in column 3  
8 on page 1 of Exhibit No. 21 is an increase of \$6,621,907 to  
9 production plant in service investment, line 9, for the  
10 rewind of Bridger Unit No. 3. The second is an increase of  
11 \$13,157,482 to transmission plant in service, line 10, for  
12 the Brownlee-Oxbow transmission line. The last is an  
13 increase of \$1,709,301 to Accumulated Provision for  
14 Depreciation to capture plant at the end of 2003. The  
15 above adjustments were provided to me by Ms. Smith.

16 Q. Please discuss the known and measurable  
17 adjustments to rate base presented in column 4 on page 1 of  
18 Exhibit No. 21?

19 A. The first is an increase of \$18,388,690,  
20 line 10, to transmission plant in service investment for  
21 upgrades to the Brownlee-Oxbow transmission line and the  
22 Star, Vallivue, Midrose and Goshen (345 capacitor bank)

1 transmission stations. The investment amounts were  
2 provided to me by Ms. Smith. The second is an increase of  
3 \$3,211,822 to the accumulated provision for depreciation  
4 reserve associated with one-half of the annualized  
5 depreciation expense adjustment that was also provided to  
6 me by Ms. Smith. The last known and measurable adjustment  
7 is a reduction of \$2,076,923 to IERCO subsidiary rate base  
8 associated with the revaluation of prior year contingent  
9 tax reserves and a true-up of deferred tax related to prior  
10 years. This adjustment was provided to me by the Company's  
11 Tax Department.

12 Q. Have you included any other adjustments to  
13 rate base other than the annualizing and known and  
14 measurable adjustments?

15 A. Yes, other adjustments to rate base are  
16 presented in column 5 on page 1 of Exhibit No. 21.

17 Q. Please describe the other adjustments shown  
18 in column 5 on page 1 of Exhibit No. 21.

19 A. The three adjustments shown in column 5 on  
20 page 1 of Exhibit No. 21 are:

21 1. A reduction to production plant of  
22 \$1,577,314 to reverse the amount booked in

1                   2003 for Asset Retirement Obligation (ARO)  
2                   provided to me by Ms. Smith.

3           2.       An increase of \$106,204,452 to Accumulated  
4                   Deferred Depreciation to reverse amounts  
5                   booked in 2003 associated with ARO, as  
6                   provided by Ms. Smith.

7           3.       A reduction of \$2,615,452 to Fuel Inventory  
8                   to reflect current operating criteria that  
9                   result in the required coal inventory of  
10                  140,000, 90,000 and 30,000 tons at Bridger,  
11                  Valmy and Boardman, respectively. The fuel  
12                  inventory adjustment was provided by Mr.  
13                  Said.

14           Q.       Please recap the net effect of the  
15                  annualizing, known and measurable, and other adjustments to  
16                  rate base.

17           A.       After the annualizing, known and measurable,  
18                  and other adjustments are included, the adjusted total  
19                  electric system combined rate base for the 12 months ending  
20                  December 31, 2003, as shown on line 24 in column 7 of page  
21                  1 of Exhibit No. 21, is \$1,673,283,777. This amount is  
22                  \$79,227,443 less than the unadjusted number in column 1.

1 Q. Please describe page 2 of Exhibit No. 21.

2 A. Page 2 of Exhibit No. 21 shows the  
3 development of the adjusted total electric system net  
4 income for the 12 months ending December 31, 2003.

5 Q. Please describe the Company's normalizing  
6 adjustments to the net income components shown in column 2  
7 on page 2 of Exhibit No. 21.

8 A. The normalizing adjustments in column 2 on  
9 page 2 of Exhibit No. 21 consist of the following two  
10 adjustments:

11 1. An increase to Operating Revenues in the  
12 amount of \$14,562,765 reflects the increased  
13 level of opportunity sales associated with  
14 multiple historical water conditions  
15 provided and discussed by Mr. Said in his  
16 testimony in this proceeding.

17 2. A reduction to Operation and Maintenance  
18 Expense in the amount of \$42,122,055  
19 reflects the decreased fuel and purchase  
20 power expenses associated with multiple  
21 historical water conditions as quantified  
22 and discussed by Mr. Said in his testimony

1 in this proceeding.

2 Q. Please explain the Company's annualizing  
3 adjustments to the statement of income in column 3 on page  
4 2 of Exhibit No. 21.

5 A. The annualizing adjustments to the income  
6 component shown in column 3 on page 2 of Exhibit No. 21 are  
7 made to reflect changes to expenses and revenues, occurring  
8 within the test year that should be included for a full  
9 year.

10 Q. Were there any annualizing adjustments to  
11 the operating revenues of the Company?

12 A. Yes. A reduction of \$72,871 was made to  
13 other operating revenues to reflect changes to facility  
14 charge revenue as provided and discussed by Ms. Brilz in  
15 her testimony in this proceeding.

16 Q. Please describe the annualizing adjustments  
17 made to the operating expenses of the Company.

18 A. The annualizing adjustments to the Company's  
19 operating expenses were provided to me by Ms. Smith and  
20 consist of the following three adjustments presented in  
21 column 3 on page 2 of Exhibit No. 21:

22 1. An increase of \$3,256,361 to Operation and

1 Maintenance Expenses (O&M), which consists  
2 of: (1) an increase to specific O&M expense  
3 accounts to reflect an annualized Payroll  
4 adjustment of \$2,913,244; (2) an increase to  
5 Property and Liability Insurance of  
6 \$389,417; and (3) a reduction to Account  
7 908, Customer Assistance, of \$46,300 related  
8 to the expiration of DSM amortization in  
9 Oregon. This last adjustment has no impact  
10 on the Idaho jurisdictional revenue  
11 requirement.

12 2. An increase to Depreciation Expense, Account  
13 403, of \$3,418,600, which reflects the 2003  
14 annualized depreciation.

15 3. An increase of \$120,655 to Taxes Other Than  
16 Income Taxes to reflect the property tax  
17 impact of the annualized plant additions.

18 Q. Please explain the known and measurable  
19 adjustments to the statement of income presented in column  
20 4 on page 2 of Exhibit No. 21.

21 A. The known and measurable adjustments to the  
22 statement of income components reflect the following:

- 1           1.       An increase of \$8,930,300 to Firm Sales  
2                   Revenues resulting from an increase to the  
3                   level of Opportunity Sales - Account 447  
4                   provided by Mr. Said.
- 5           2.       An increase of \$346,171 to Other Operating  
6                   Revenues resulting from a change to Pole  
7                   Attachment Revenues - Account 456 reflecting  
8                   2004 Cableone contract revenues provided to  
9                   me by Ms. Smith.
- 10          3.       An increase in Operation and Maintenance  
11               Expenses of \$18,185,548 that is composed of  
12               two primary adjustments: the first, an  
13               increase of \$8,269,427 in accounts 501, 547  
14               and 555, which reflect the increased levels  
15               provided by Mr. Said, and the second, an  
16               increase to Operation and Maintenance  
17               Expenses other than power supply expenses of  
18               \$9,916,121 provided to me by Ms. Smith.
- 19          4.       An increase to Depreciation Expense of  
20               \$6,423,645 to reflect the additional  
21               depreciation expense associated with the  
22               known and measurable adjustments to electric

1 plant in service provided to me by Ms.  
2 Smith.

3 5. An increase to Taxes Other Than Income Taxes  
4 of \$112,171 for Property Taxes associated  
5 with the known and measurable adjustment to  
6 Electric Plant In Service provided to me by  
7 Ms. Smith.

8 6. A reduction to IERCO operating income of  
9 \$5,291,270 provided to me by the Company's  
10 Tax Department

11 Q. Please explain the other adjustments  
12 presented in column 5 on page 2 of Exhibit No. 21.

13 A. Other system adjustments proposed by the  
14 Company consist of the following:

15 1. An increase to retail sales revenues of  
16 \$665,816, which can be found on line 29 in  
17 column 5. In addition, there were two  
18 adjustments to other operating revenues:  
19 (1) a reduction of \$665,816 in Account 454  
20 Facilities Charge Revenues to reflect the  
21 change in treatment of facilities charge  
22 revenues paid by MICRON under its special



1 contract retail rate as provided to me by  
2 Ms. Brilz, and (2) an increase to  
3 Miscellaneous Service Revenue of \$907,290 to  
4 reflect the Company's revised Service  
5 Establishment, Reconnection and Field  
6 Collection fees provided to me by Ms. Drake.  
7 These two adjustments net to the \$241,474  
8 found on line 30 in column 5 on page 2 of  
9 Exhibit No. 21.

10 2. A reduction to Operation and Maintenance  
11 Expenses of \$475,556 reflecting the sum of  
12 three separate components. The first  
13 component is an increase to Idaho Rate Case  
14 Expense of \$4,953. The second component is a  
15 decrease of \$452,125 to reflect the removal  
16 of General Advertising Expense. The final  
17 component is a \$28,384 reduction to  
18 Memberships and Contributions. Advertising  
19 Expense and Memberships and Contributions  
20 have been disallowed in past orders of this  
21 Commission and thus have been removed from  
22 the 2003 test year operating expenses. Ms.

1                   Smith provided these adjustments.

2           Q.       Are there any additional adjustments to the  
3 test year actual data that should be mentioned?

4           A.       Yes. The impacts to Federal and State  
5 income taxes paid resulting from the ratemaking adjustments  
6 discussed above were provided to me by the Company's Tax  
7 Department and are shown on lines 40 and 41 on page 2 of  
8 Exhibit No. 21.

9           Q.       Please describe Exhibit No. 22.

10          A.       Exhibit No. 22 consists of 2 pages and  
11 provides greater detail of the adjustments to the Company's  
12 Electric Plant In Service, by FERC account, used in this  
13 proceeding.

14          Q.       Please describe Exhibit No. 23.

15          A.       Exhibit No. 23 consists of 2 pages and  
16 provides greater detail of the Accumulated Provision for  
17 Depreciation and Amortization Reserve.

18          Q.       Please describe Exhibit No. 24.

19          A.       Exhibit No. 24 is a two-page exhibit, which  
20 provides greater detail of other additions to or deductions  
21 from the Company's total combined rate base.

22          Q.       Please describe Exhibit No. 25.

1           A.       Exhibit No. 25 is a one-page exhibit, which  
2 summarizes by FERC Account the Company's operating revenues  
3 for the test period used in this proceeding.

4           Q.       Please describe Exhibit No. 26.

5           A.       Exhibit No. 26 is a six-page exhibit, which  
6 provides greater detail of test year and adjusted test year  
7 operation and maintenance expenses for the 12-month period  
8 ending December 31, 2003.

9           Q.       Please describe Exhibit No. 27.

10          A.       Exhibit No. 27 is a two-page exhibit, which  
11 provides greater detailed information by FERC account of  
12 Depreciation and Amortization Expenses used in this  
13 proceeding.

14          Q.       Please describe Exhibit No. 28.

15          A.       Exhibit No. 28 is a one-page exhibit, which  
16 provides detailed information regarding taxes other than  
17 income taxes used in this proceeding.

18          Q.       Please describe Exhibit No. 29.

19          A.       Exhibit No. 29 is a one-page exhibit, which  
20 provides a detailed summary of the income tax related  
21 adjustments that result in the adjusted tax expenses on  
22 lines 40 and 41 of page 2 of Exhibit No. 21. These

1 adjustments were provided to me by the Company's Tax  
2 Department.

3 Q. Have you prepared an exhibit that sets forth  
4 the Idaho jurisdictional revenue deficiency?

5 A. Yes. I have prepared Exhibit No. 30 titled  
6 "Jurisdictional Separation Study - Idaho Revenue  
7 Requirement" consisting of 35 pages.

8 Q. Please discuss the methodology used to  
9 jurisdictionally separate costs in the preparation of this  
10 study.

11 A. The cost of providing electric service is  
12 measured through the use of test year data as adjusted for  
13 the 12-month period ending December 31, 2003.

14 In order to establish a methodology for  
15 separating costs among jurisdictions, a three-step process  
16 is generally used. The steps are referred to as  
17 classification, functionalization, and allocation of costs.  
18 In all three steps, recognition is given to the way in  
19 which costs are incurred by relating these costs to the way  
20 in which a utility is operated to provide electrical  
21 service. The methodology used to separate costs by  
22 jurisdiction and calculate the Idaho jurisdictional revenue

1 requirement in the present case is the same methodology  
2 utilized by the Company and accepted by the Commission in  
3 previous rate cases.

4 Q. Would you please briefly explain the meaning  
5 of classification, functionalization, and allocation?

6 A. Classification refers to the identification  
7 of costs as being related to one of three components;  
8 demand-related, energy-related or customer-related. In  
9 addition to classification, costs are functionalized; that  
10 is, identified with utility operating functions such as  
11 generation, transmission and distribution. Individual  
12 plant items are examined and, where possible, the  
13 associated investment costs are assigned to one or more  
14 operating functions. Once the Company's total system costs  
15 are classified and assigned to the appropriate function  
16 they may be allocated among jurisdictions.

17 The process of allocation is merely one of  
18 apportioning the total system cost among jurisdictions by  
19 introducing allocation factors into the process. An  
20 allocation factor is nothing more than an array of numbers,  
21 which specifies the jurisdictional value or share of the  
22 total system quantity. For example, in the case of

1 energy-related costs, the allocation factor is annual  
2 jurisdictional energy use, adjusted for losses.

3           Once individual accounts have been allocated  
4 to the various jurisdictions, it is possible to summarize  
5 these into total utility rate base and net income by  
6 jurisdiction. The results are stated in a summary form to  
7 measure adequacy of revenues for the jurisdiction under  
8 consideration. The measure of adequacy is typically the  
9 rate of return earned on rate base, which is compared to  
10 the requested rate of return.

11           Q.       How have the various functional plant and  
12 cost items been allocated?

13           A.       After classification and functionalization,  
14 allocation factors based on demand and energy use were  
15 determined. In order to allocate demand-related costs, the  
16 average of the 12 monthly coincident peak demands was used.  
17 The Company has used this allocation method for  
18 jurisdictional separation purposes in all of its retail and  
19 wholesale rate applications prepared during the past 25  
20 years. This allocation method has been adopted by this  
21 Commission and accepted by the Oregon Public Utility  
22 Commission, and the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission.

1 The demand-related allocation factors used in the study are  
2 designated as D10, D11, D60. The respective values used in  
3 these demand allocation factors are shown at line numbers  
4 967 through 969 on page 29 of Exhibit No. 30.

5 Q. What method was used to allocate general  
6 plant and certain labor-related administrative and general  
7 expenses?

8 A. In accordance with FERC procedures, general  
9 plant and administrative and general expenses have been  
10 allocated in accordance with functionalized wages and  
11 salaries. These labor-related allocation factors are shown  
12 on Table 12 of Exhibit No. 30, pages 23 through 28.

13 Q. How were the energy-related expenses  
14 allocated among jurisdictions?

15 A. Energy-related expenses were allocated on  
16 the basis of normalized jurisdictional kilowatt-hour sales,  
17 adjusted for losses so as to establish energy requirements  
18 at the generation level. The energy-related allocation  
19 factors used in the study are designated as E10 and E100.  
20 The respective values used in these energy allocation  
21 factors are shown on Table 13 of Exhibit No. 30, page 29  
22 lines 972 & 973, respectively.

1           Q.       What was the method by which you allocated  
2 customer-related costs?

3           A.       The principal customer-related expenses,  
4 which require allocation, are Account 902, Meter Reading  
5 Expenses and Account 903, Customer Accounting and Billing.  
6 These accounts were allocated based upon a review of actual  
7 Company practices in reading meters and preparing monthly  
8 bills or statements.

9           Q.       Please describe the derivation of the 2003  
10 total system allocation factors used in this case.

11          A.       The 2003 Jurisdictional Separation Study  
12 utilizes 2002 data for most of the Allocation Factors with  
13 some exceptions:

- 14           1.       Capacity or demand-related allocation  
15                   factors (D10, D11, and D60) utilized 2002  
16                   Coincident Peak information that was  
17                   adjusted to reflect known changes for 2003,  
18                   for example the expiration of the UAMPS and  
19                   Washington City Sales for Resale contracts.
- 20           2.       Energy-related allocation factors (E10 and  
21                   E100) are the 2003 normalized test year  
22                   sales at generation level.



1           3.       The directly assigned revenue accounts were  
2                   updated to reflect 2003 test year revenues.

3           4.       Finally, the direct assignment of plant  
4                   accounts 360, 361 and 362 received specific  
5                   new treatment.

6           Q.       Would you please explain how the direct  
7 assignment of accounts 360, 361 and 362 differs in the 2003  
8 Jurisdictional Separation Study from prior studies?

9           A.       Yes.   Historically Contributions In Aid of  
10 Construction (CIAC) have been treated as a reduction to the  
11 total investment in accounts 360, 361 and 362 prior to any  
12 allocation of plant and related operation and maintenance  
13 expense.   Consequently, all customers (jurisdictions) have  
14 shared in the benefits of contributions paid by a few.

15                   In order to pass the benefit of the CIAC to  
16 the customers (jurisdictions) that made the contribution,  
17 accounts 360, 361 and 362 were identified by the net  
18 investment and by the net plus CIAC investment.   The net  
19 plus CIAC amount was then directly assigned to customers  
20 (jurisdictions) prior to any reduction for CIAC.   In this  
21 way the customers (jurisdictions) that make the  
22 contribution receive the full credit.

1                   In addition, operation and maintenance  
2 expenses resulting from investment in accounts 360, 361 and  
3 362 are related to the total investment and thus allocated  
4 by the net plus CIAC investment.

5                   In this way the Idaho jurisdictional costs  
6 that are passed to Ms. Brilz for input into the class cost-  
7 of-service model will give the proper recognition to the  
8 customers who made the contribution.

9           Q.       Please describe the content of Exhibit No.  
10 30.

11           A.       Exhibit No. 30 is the complete  
12 Jurisdictional Separation Study detailing allocation of  
13 each component of rate base, operating revenues and  
14 expenses by FERC account resulting in the Idaho  
15 jurisdictional revenue deficiency. The JSS is organized as  
16 follows:

17                   Summary of Results

18                   Table 1 - Electric Plant in Service

19                   Table 2 - Accumulated Provision for

20                               Depreciation and Amortization

21                   Table 3 - Additions and Deductions to Rate

22                               Base

1                   Table 4 - Operating Revenues  
2                   Table 5 - Operation and Maintenance Expenses  
3                   Table 6 - Depreciation and Amortization  
4                               Expense  
5                   Table 7 - Taxes Other Than Income Taxes  
6                   Table 8 - Deferred Income Taxes and ITC  
7                   Table 9 - Federal Income Tax  
8                   Table 10 - State Income Tax -- Oregon  
9                   Table 11 - State Income Tax - Idaho and  
10                               Other  
11                  Table 12 - Development of Labor Allocator  
12                  Table 13 - Summary of Allocation Factors  
13                  Table 14 - Summary of Distribution/CIAC  
14                               Allocation Factors  
15                  Table 15 - Summary of Allocation Factors-  
16                               Ratios

17                Q.       Briefly describe the manner in which you  
18 allocated Electric Plant In Service as shown in Table 1 of  
19 Exhibit No. 30.

20                A.       Production plant has been allocated to all  
21 jurisdictions on the basis of the average of the 12 monthly  
22 coincident peaks. The allocation of transmission and

1 distribution plant has been based on the same methodology.

2 Q. Would you describe the functional categories  
3 used for allocation of transmission plant and distribution  
4 substations?

5 A. A description of the functional categories  
6 used for allocation of transmission and distribution  
7 substations is as follows:

8 1. Transmission facilities are the facilities  
9 that form the bulk power transmission system  
10 together with transmission, step-up  
11 substation facilities required to introduce  
12 the Company's generation into the power  
13 supply system, which include facilities  
14 rated at 500kv through 46kv.

15 2. Distribution facilities refer to lower  
16 voltage lines and substation facilities that  
17 provide localized service.

18 3. Direct assignments refer to facilities that  
19 are identified as serving and paid by a  
20 specific customer.

21 Q. How have you allocated the Accumulated  
22 Provision for Depreciation and Amortization of Other

1 Utility Plant shown on Table 2 of Exhibit No. 30?

2           A.       Accumulated Provision for Depreciation has  
3 been allocated among jurisdictions as shown on Table 2 of  
4 Exhibit No. 30. The accumulated totals for each type of  
5 production plant and for each primary plant account in  
6 other functional groups are allocated on the basis of the  
7 related plant account as allocated in Table 1. Amortization  
8 of Other Utility Plant has been functionalized and then  
9 allocated on the basis of the related plant items as  
10 allocated in Table 1.

11           Q.       Please describe Table 3 of Exhibit No. 30.

12           A.       Table 3 details the allocation of all other  
13 additions to or deductions from rate base. Deductions from  
14 rate base include Customer Advances for Construction which  
15 have been directly assigned to the customers  
16 (jurisdictions) and Accumulated Deferred Income Taxes which  
17 are allocated by plant. Additions consist of Materials and  
18 Supplies which have been functionalized and allocated by  
19 the respective plant allocators; Fuel Inventory which has  
20 been allocated on the basis of energy; components of IERCO,  
21 the Company's fuel subsidiary which are allocated on the  
22 basis of energy; and the Investment in Conservation are all

1 Idaho programs and directly assigned to the Idaho  
2 jurisdiction.

3 Working Cash Allowance has been excluded  
4 from rate base in accordance with the Commission's previous  
5 orders.

6 All rate base items, with the exception of  
7 Accumulated Deferred Income Taxes and the Investment in  
8 Conservation Programs, reflect the average of 13 monthly  
9 balances.

10 Q. Please describe Table 4 of Exhibit No. 30.

11 A. Table 4 indicates adjusted Firm Operating  
12 Revenues for each jurisdiction for the 12 months ending  
13 December 31, 2003. Opportunity Sales represent non-firm  
14 energy sales to other utilities, the revenues from which  
15 are credited to each jurisdiction in proportion to its  
16 generation-level energy usage.

17 Other Operating Revenues are either  
18 allocated among jurisdictions in a manner which offsets  
19 related allocations of rate base, or, where a particular  
20 revenue item may be identified with a specific  
21 jurisdiction, it is directly assigned to the appropriate  
22 jurisdiction.

1           Q.       Briefly describe the methods by which O&M  
2 expenses were allocated.

3           A.       The allocation of each O&M expense is  
4 detailed on Table 5 of Exhibit No. 30. In general, the  
5 basis for each allocation may be readily interpreted from  
6 the exhibit, due to the fact that in most cases either  
7 demands, those identified by a source code beginning with a  
8 "D" prefix; energy use, those identified by a source code  
9 beginning with an "E" prefix; or related plant, those  
10 identified by a line number source code; serve as a basis  
11 for the allocation. Customer-weighted allocation factors,  
12 "CW", which recognize differences in customer requirements,  
13 have been used in the allocation of certain expense  
14 accounts.

15          Q.       In what manner are supervision and  
16 engineering expenses treated throughout the allocation of  
17 O&M expenses?

18          A.       For the applicable expense account in each  
19 functional group, the labor component is separately  
20 allocated in accordance with the detail provided on pages  
21 25 through 28 of Table 12 of Exhibit No. 30. The total of  
22 allocated labor in each functional group becomes the basis

1 for the allocation of Supervision and Engineering Expense.  
2 Total allocated labor expense serves the additional purpose  
3 of allocating employee pensions and other labor-related  
4 taxes and expenses. Table 12 of Exhibit No. 30 details the  
5 development of all the labor-related allocation factors  
6 used in this study.

7 Q. Please describe Table 6 of Exhibit No. 30.

8 A. The allocation of Depreciation Expense and  
9 Amortization of Limited Term Plant is set forth on Table 6.  
10 These expenses have been identified by type of production  
11 plant or by primary plant account for other functional  
12 plant groups. Allocation is then accomplished on the basis  
13 of the related plant account as previously allocated.

14 Q. Please describe Table 7 of Exhibit No. 30,  
15 and the allocation of Taxes Other Than Income Taxes.

16 A. Taxes Other Than Income Taxes are treated  
17 individually and are allocated in a manner consistent with  
18 the bases by which the respective taxes are assessed.

19 Q. Please describe Table 8 of Exhibit No. 30.

20 A. The expenses shown on Table 8 consist of  
21 Deferred Income Taxes and the Investment Tax Credit  
22 Adjustment. Both have been functionalized and allocated on



1 the basis of total allocated plant. Also summarized on  
2 Table 8 are State and Federal Income Tax liabilities. The  
3 income taxes shown on Table 8 as well as Tables 9, 10 and  
4 11 were obtained from the Company's Tax Department.

5 Q. Please describe how you allocated Federal  
6 and State Income Taxes shown on Tables 8, 9, 10 and 11 of  
7 Exhibit No. 30.

8 A. Total income taxes have not been allocated,  
9 per se. Instead, the respective tax bases have been  
10 developed and taxes have been calculated directly for each  
11 jurisdiction. Operating income before taxes represents  
12 adjusted operating revenues less all adjusted operating  
13 expenses treated heretofore with the exception of deferred  
14 income taxes and investment tax credits. Adjusted  
15 long-term and other interest expenses are allocated on  
16 total plant in order to develop net operating income before  
17 taxes. From that point forward, additions to or deductions  
18 from the respective tax bases are allocated to each  
19 jurisdiction by net income before taxes. In this manner,  
20 taxable income for each jurisdiction is developed, and the  
21 appropriate tax rate is applied. Final tax amounts result  
22 after the allocation of adjustments and tax credits. All

1 details relating to the calculation of Federal, Oregon,  
2 Idaho and Other state income taxes are found on Tables 9,  
3 10 and 11.

4 Q. Please describe Tables 12, 13, 14 and 15 of  
5 Exhibit No. 30.

6 A. Tables 12, 13, 14 and 15 of Exhibit No. 30  
7 contain a list of the allocation factors used in the  
8 Jurisdictional Separation Study. Tables 12, 13, 14 and 15  
9 of Exhibit No. 30 contain the principal allocation factors  
10 used in the study and the respective jurisdictional values  
11 for each allocation factor. Table 14 of Exhibit No. 30  
12 presents the ratios of the principal allocation factors  
13 included in Table 13.

14 Q. Please describe the development of the Idaho  
15 Jurisdictional revenue deficiency.

16 A. The summary of results is presented on pages  
17 1 and 2 of Exhibit No. 30. The development of the Idaho  
18 jurisdictional revenue deficiency is presented in the  
19 column entitled "Idaho IPUC" on page 1 of Exhibit No. 30.  
20 As can be seen from this exhibit the Idaho net income of  
21 \$76,855,594 on line 24 results in a return on rate base of  
22 4.967 percent on line 25. Under the rate of return of

1 8.334 percent provided to me by Mr. Gribble, the Company's  
2 Idaho jurisdictional net income should be \$128,963,944 on  
3 line 30. This results in an earnings deficiency of  
4 \$52,108,350 on line 31.

5 Q. What net-to-gross or incremental income tax  
6 factor did you use in developing the Idaho jurisdictional  
7 revenue deficiency?

8 A. As indicated on line 33 on page 1 of Exhibit  
9 No. 30, I used a composite incremental tax multiplier of  
10 1.642 provided to me by the tax department, which  
11 represents the use of the Federal effective tax rate of  
12 32.795 percent, an Idaho effective tax rate of 5.9 percent,  
13 an Oregon effective tax rate of 0.4 percent and an Other  
14 state effective tax rate of 0.1 percent for purposes of  
15 determining the Company's Idaho jurisdictional revenue.

16 Q. What is the resulting Idaho jurisdictional  
17 revenue deficiency?

18 A. The results of the Jurisdictional  
19 Separation Study as shown on line 34 on page 1 of Exhibit  
20 No. 30, indicate a total revenue deficiency of \$85,561,910  
21 for the Idaho Retail Jurisdiction. This represents a  
22 required 17.68 percent increase in normalized Idaho

1 jurisdictional revenues.

2 Q. Please describe Exhibit No. 31.

3 A. Exhibit No. 31 is a six-page exhibit, which  
4 provides a summary of allocation factors used in this  
5 proceeding.

6 Q. Does this conclude your testimony?

7 A. Yes, it does.